

O'FALLON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
CITIZEN PLANNING COMMITTEE (CPC) via Zoom due to COVID-19
Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 24, 2022 – via Zoom

1. Dr. Ottomeyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** (Acting Recording Secretary noted attendees)

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| Dave Buck | Present | Asst Chief Parrish | Present |
| John Cook | Excused | Pres Dr. Ottomeyer | Present |
| Jamie Cronk | Present | Kelly Rector | Present |
| Joe Donahue | Excused | Teri Reiter | Present |
| Jim Frain | Present | Dir. Matt Simmons | Present |
| Dir Matt Gober | Present | Chief Tom Vineyard | Present |
| Tony Graceffa | Excused | Assistant Chief Braile | Present |
| Dir Bill Laughlin | Present | Sr. Michaleen Vomund | Present |
| Mark Morrison | Present | Vice Pres. Jim Worman | Present |

Guests: Retired Assistant Chief Vomund.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Ottomeyer asked for any questions or comments regarding the October 25, 2021 minutes of the Citizen Planning Committee Meeting. There being no further questions, Director Laughlin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Jim Worman. All members present were in favor of approving the October 25, 2021 minutes as presented; none opposed; Absent: Cook, Donahue, Frain, Gober, Graceffa, Reiter, Vineyard. **MOTION PASSES.**

4. **Reports:**

A) Assistant Chief Matt Braile

- Equipment- We are expecting our forceable entry prop to get in sometime next month. This tool will allow us to train our crews on door entries. This tool will be very valuable for our new firefighters as they learn to enter buildings and homes.

B) Assistant Chief Andy Parrish – He introduced himself for those that did not get to see him at last meeting.

- New Hires: The district recently hired 8 new firefighters along with a new executive administrative assistant who took over for recording secretary Karen Lucido.

- The outreach is currently planning a trivia night, also one of our firefighters is putting on a fundraiser to raise money for St. Baldricks which is an organization that raises money for research to cure childhood cancer. This year tom is putting together a mouse race for the fundraiser.

C) Fire Marshal Mark Morrison:

- Inspections: We are currently doing warehouses, factories, churches and fires stations.

-Fire Prevention Bureau: - October's Fire Safety Day was held entirely outside and was very successful. The event was successful even though we had to scale back a bit. For 2022 we have Easter photos coming up. If Covid gets under control I would like to be able to get back to do the senior luncheons.

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D) Chief Vineyard:

-Financial Overview:

- District is in solid financial shape and continues to build its Reserves.
- The District was able to approve a new defined benefit pension plan for our employees. The District had a number of employees take advantage of the new pension plan and retire this month. We had 8 employees retire. Chief Vineyard listed off the employees that retired this month. Chief Vineyard stated that the district has been set up for a great future we promoted 8 captains, 1 Battalion Chief and promoted Matt Braille to Assistant Chief.

-Operations:

COVID-19 protocols remain in place.

5. **Unfinished Business:** None.

6. **New Business:** None

7. **Good of the Order**

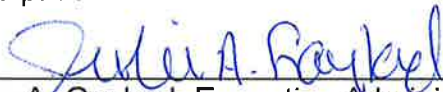
- Director Laughlin thanked CPC members for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in the CPC, and he and District members appreciate hearing what they have to say.

8. **Next CPC Meeting**

The next CPC meeting is set for Monday, April 225, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Ottomeyer called for meeting adjournment. A motion was made by Dr. Michaleen, seconded by Director Laughlin to adjourn; All members present were in favor of adjourning; none opposed; **MOTION PASSES**.

There being no further business, Dr. Ottomeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.



Julie A. Gaylord, Executive Administrative Assistant
Recording Secretary